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Character

OF THE
Deportment for these 18. years last past,
of the principal Gentry within the
Counties of Carmarthen, Pem-
brocke, and Cardigan in
South-wales.

Richard Earl of Carbery, a Person of great Carmarthen,
parts and Civilities, about the year 1643,
and 1644, was General over the said Coun-
ties by Commission from his late Majesty
of blessed memory Charles the first, and
though in number of Souldiers far exceeding his Adver-
saries, yet without any resistance made by him, he was
suppressed, some attributing it to a suspected natural Cow-
ardice, others to a design to be overcome; However
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by his discreet Addresſes, and the ſpecial means of the late Lord *Cottingham*, he was ſhortly after enobled with the Titles of *Baron of Emlyn*, and *Lord of Carmarthen*, the Kings party being maſtered, he alone, of all the Kings party in that Country, eſcaped Sequeſtration, freed from Compoſition by order of both Houſes of Parliament, by reaſon of the correſpondence he kept with the then Earl of *Effex*, and many great Services done by him for the Parliament, during his General-ſhip for the King, which was then made evident to the Parliament by Sir *John Meiricke*, and by Certificates from ſeveral of the Parliaments then Generals in his Lordſhips behalf; when *Oliver Cromwell* ſnatched the Government of this Nation, this active Lord gained his acquaintance and favour, inſomuch that *Cromwell* lent from the Parks he then poſſeſſed near *London* ſeveral Stags unto him to furniſh his Park at *Golden Grove* in *Wales*. He continueth of that noble diſpoſition, that his Table, though a Sojourner in *London*, is free to all Gentlemen; yet it is obſerved, that Perſons of moſt uſe and intereſt, to enlarge his own, are moſt converſant with him; he hath let up, and maintaineth an intereſt in moſt Counties of *South wales*. In a word, a fit Perſon for the higheſt publick employment if Integrity and Courage were not ſuſpected to be too often fayling in him.

Colonel *John Lloyd*, a perſon conſtant to his principles, and reſolute in his undertakings, when he apprehended Juſtice or Honor to be concerned; he bore Arms under the Earl of *Effex* for King and Parliament, and when that pretence was laid aſide, he laid aſide the Sword, reſuſed, though tendered, to bear any Office Civil or Military under the various Government, that ſprung afterwards.

William

William Gwynne a Royallist *ab initio*, personally engaged in Arms for that Cause, refused, though offered, publick employments in the subsequent Governments, but capable of any in respect of his Interest and Intellectuals.

Harry Middleton a quiet Country-Gentleman, of Monarchical principles, but necessary subservient to the Earl of *Carberyes* will.

Nicholas Williams, neither of wit or will to bear publick Offices; and upon that account luckily permitted, though rich, to escape Sequestration or publick Employment in all the succeeding Changes of Governments.

Harry Vaughan, *Iohn Vaughan*, and *John Vaughan* of *Doellys*, are principled and actuated by their Kinsman the Earl of *Carbery*, who ought to bear the blame or glory of their Actions, more than they the Actors themselves.

Sir Hugh Owens, as much as is understood of him, a Roy- Pembroke.
alist, so habituated to reservedness, that it is thought he cannot now extricate himself, if he would, from it; a Lover of his Country and Justice, But noted by some to be too sparing, or too modest to bear the burthen of the Affairs of his Country, his interests and parts justly expecting more of his time and pains in his Countries service.

Arthur Owen, a second *Titus*, *Delicia gentis Pembrochiana*, among rigid Presbyterians, a Royalist, and among the unlimited Royalists, a Presbyterian, firm to his principles, zealous to Justice, delighting in good Offices, the credit and benefit of his Country.

Robert Lord, of any principle or religion to acquire wealth; he fortified and defended his House against the Parliament Seamen, but in preservation of no Cause but his own. *Hugh Peter* was his welcomed Guest, as long as *Hugh* was welcomed to *Oliver Cromwell*, *Hugh* had no sooner lost the one than the other. *Lords* selfishness is incompatible with publick Employment, unless that addeth to his private profit, and unless that stands good, — *Utilitas Fusti prope mater et aequi est*, he desisteth all publick undertakings.

Sampson Lord, who hath nothing of his first namesake but the Jaws, and hath with that destroyed almost as many Ministers, as the other of Philistines, both for the same ends, their own; hates the Church, hugs the profits of it; he can pray as long as there is profit; no *Pany*, no *Pater-noster*; ambitious of publick Employment, but in pure order to enlarge his Fortune: any Government, Religion, or Office will suit him, so it carryeth some lucre along with it. If any, it is he, that believeth man to be *sibi soli natus*.

Sir John Steepney, a Royalist, whose facility and noble dispositions have a little clouded his Fortune; the habit of ease hath made his disposition not very inclinable to be over industrious in his own or the publick Affairs of his Country.

John Barlow, a rare example of Loyalty and Affection, a plentiful estate voted from him for being stout in his Masters service, he was so transcendent in all Qualities of a Gentleman, which in others single made them eminent, that he was rather a pattern for the Gentry of the

the Country to wonder at, than in hopes to be imitated by them.

Sir Walter Lloyd, a Gentleman and a Scholar, elegant *Cardigan* in his tongue and pen, nobly just in his deportment, naturally fit to manage the affairs of his Country, which he did before these times with much honor and integrity undertake; he served Knight for his Country in the long Parliament, But quitted the Service with the Earl of *Straffords* death; was Commissioner of Array, payed a deep Composition in *Goldsmith Hall*, contents himself within the walls of his own House, praying for these Times which now in good measure (prayed be God) appeared unto us.

Sir Francis Lloyd, a Lover of Monarchy, withdrew from the Long-Parliament, being a Member thereof, about 1643. payed a Fine at *Goldsmiths-Hall*, and seems to love his private ease above the publick Affairs of his Country.

Sir Richard Pryse, a young Gentleman, not of full Age in the time that the Discovery of Principles were most dangerous: and it is conceived, he hath not as yet any that he is too much obliged unto; he ran through several publick Offices under all the Governments that hath been from 52. to this time, But probably more by the directions of his Father-in-Law *Mr. Bulstrode Whitlock*, than his own desires; he is active and desirous of publick Offices: how well he managed them I leave to those that are concerned to give an Accompt of, being not altogether experimentally acquainted with his deportment.

[*James Lewis*, a person of an inoffensive facile Constitution, forced from a Royalist to act a Colonel for King and Parliament, seldom out of publick Offices, though somewhat averse to undertake any, loved more for doing no wrong, than for doing of any good, his Body being a lazy Instrument for so good a mind.

Thomas Evans, passionately violent in any thing. First a Covenanter, then an eager Advocate of the Negative oath, afterwards most impetuous against a single person, especially the Family of his now Majesty, an active Captain of Horse, and his Son *David Evans* of Foot, under the late pretended Committee of Safety: pressing an Oath upon others for their Fidelity to the said Committee, endeavouring to incite men about the beginning of *April* last, to take Arms against General *Monk*, impatient without an Office, and Tyrannical in it: and he hath the luck to continue Justice of peace, and Commissioner for the Assessement in two Counties at this day.

John Vaughan, one that will upon fits talk loud for Monarchy, but scrupulous to wet his Finger to advance it; he served a Burgesse for the County of *Cardigan* in the long Parliament, but quitted it upon *Straffords* Tryal; being named by his late Majesty one of the Commissioners to attend the Treaty in the *Ile of Wight*, refused it, personally advised *Cromwell* to put the Crown upon his own Head; purchased *Mevenith*, one of his late Majesties Mannors within the County of *Cardigan*, personally assisted the taking in of *Aberystwyth*, a Garison then kept for his late Majesty: these Services freed him from Sequestration; bore Offices in the late several Governments; he is of good parts, but he puts too high a value upon them, insolently.

solently proud, and matchlesly pernicious; by lending 800 *l.* to Colonel *Philip Jones*, and other Favorites of the times, procured the command of the County he liveth in, to continue in his Friends and dependency to this day.

Harry Vaughan, any thing for mony, a Proselyte and a Favorite to all the Changes of times, a Shrieve for his late Majesty, afterward for *Oliver Cromwell*, Justice of Peace under both: sworn to several Governments, indifferent to any; the object of Charity is limited to his own self; Tyrant in power, Slave in subjection, mischievous by deceit: his true Motto is verified in *qui nescit dissimulare, nescit vivere.*

John Jones, one that appeared in the first publick differences for Monarchy, and much suffered by reason thereof, yet in 1647. he assisted the reducing of *Aberystwyth* Garison, then holden for the King, it was thought upon a personal injury offered him: his principles being without question, stedfastly fixed for Monarchy, and the true Heirs thereof: for he was constantly imprisoned upon all securings: payed a deep Fyne in *Goldsmiths-Hall*, decimated and grievously sequestred, and declined, though sometimes tendered, publick Offices whatsoever, being the constant object of the Phanaticks hatred, but one of mean parts, only wise in that he is partly sensible of the meanes of them.

James Philips, one that had the fortune to be in with all times, but thrived by none, an Argument that Covetousnesse the root of all evill was not the motive for him to undertake Employments, his Genius is to undertake publick Affairs, regarding sometimes more the Employment

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